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## HOUSE DENOUNCES CAMPBELL'S PLAN OF USING BLOCKS

### Declares Taking of Stone From Fifth District for Bishop Street Wrong.

It was the most remarkable reversal of form yet shown by the Legislature, which resulted yesterday afternoon in the changing of a score of the items in the Six Months' salary bill on third reading. The fact is that the members seemed so well pleased with themselves, upon their denunciation of Assistant Superintendent Marston Campbell, that they were willing to let down the bars almost everywhere and push up salaries.

They would not trust Superintendent Cooper however, even though they did give him a vote of confidence in asking that he keep his office. When it came to the reinsertion of the item of an assistant's salary, the members said they must know who was to get the money, and until they could tell they would do nothing. The Superintendent's salary was pushed up to the same notch which was occupied by the Treasurer and Attorney General, but the Land Commissioner, the Auditor and the Superintendent of Public Instruction failed to connect with the advance.

The Senate did nothing but pass the Cooper resignation resolution of the House, without change or dissent.

#### IN THE HOUSE.

The House began its business with the divided report of the committee appointed to investigate the charges made against Marston Campbell in the Vida resolution. The majority of the committee, Vida and Purdy, condemn Campbell in the following report:

"On Thursday the 25th day of June, 1903, your committee examined Marston Campbell, Esq., Assistant Superintendent of Public Works with reference to the diversion of the road appropriation referred to in said resolution and he admitted that he was guilty of the charge contained therein.

"He said that it was necessary to put Bishop street in condition for the opening of the Alexander Young hotel, and that he used on said street in the Fifth District, stone purchased from the Fifth District road appropriation, and assumed personal responsibility in the matter.

"Your committee therefore recommends that Resolution No. 34 be adopted by this House."

#### HARRIS SHOWS FACTS.

Chairman Harris dissented from the majority in the following statement of the case:

Your special committee to whom was referred H. R. 34, introduced by Hon. H. C. Vida has had the same under consideration, begs leave to report their findings as follows:

On Thursday, the 25th inst., your committee met in the office of the Superintendent of Public Works and interviewed the following persons: H. E. Cooper, Marston Campbell and C. B. Wilson.

From the statement of Mr. Campbell it appears that an appropriation of \$10,000 was made by the last legislature for macadamizing Iwilei road, and that 12,000 basalt blocks were made and paid for out of this fund. The vouchers for the payments are on file at the office of the Road Supervisor and were approved by C. B. Dwight, while Road Supervisor. An agreement was made between Jas. H. Boyd, the then Superintendent of Public Works, and the Trustees of the Bishop Estate and Alexander Young, whereby if the street now known as Bishop street was turned over to the government that they (the government) would gutter, sewer and macadamize the road as soon as possible, and in the best and most approved manner.

About the first part of June, the emergency appropriation bill was made law and from this appropriation bill the funds were available so that the Superintendent of Public Works entered into contract with the Concrete Construction Co. to build this road, the government agreeing to furnish the basalt blocks for the gutter. The contract for this work was signed on the 4th of June, and was to be completed within thirty days.

#### NO TIME TO FINISH.

The appropriation for the Iwilei road expired on the 30th day of June, 1903, and one can readily see that to complete that road within the life of the appropriation bill was impossible. Now the question seems to your committee to be, did the Assistant Superintendent of Public Works divert the appropriation and make a use of it contrary to law by taking from one appropriation (which it is conceded could not possibly have been used), and using it for the repair of another road that would be paid for from a separate appropriation? Admitting that the material was paid for out of the appropriation for macadamizing Iwilei road, is it a diversion of public funds to use the material on another road?

If the law had been strictly followed out it is the belief and opinion of your committee that the vouchers paying for the basalt blocks could not and should not have been paid from an appropriation for macadamizing a road, as basalt blocks would be used for paving a road and not macadamizing. What difference does it make as far as the actual expenditures of public money is concerned, when the material is used in government work?

Another important consideration in this matter is, that it would take about one month to get out the 6000 basalt blocks that were to be used in the Bishop street gutter, and with only 30 days in which to finish the contract before the appropriation expired, the blocks that were already finished and lying at the Aala warehouse were used by the Assistant Superintendent of Public Works rather than to order another 6000 blocks and pay out the cost of these blocks from the appropriation for the Bishop street road. Was not government money saved in one sense in the transaction?

Mr. Campbell assumes all of the responsibility in this transaction, and takes the blame for ordering the stones delivered to Bishop street, as the statement was made by Mr. Wilson, the Road Supervisor, that he was not aware of the fact that these stones were being taken from the Aala warehouse until after they had been hauled from the lot for about five days. He then admits of receiving a requisition from Mr. Campbell for these stones.

#### GAVE ORDERS FOR BLOCKS.

In conclusion, your committee would call the attention of this Honorable House to a few of the most important statements as made before them. In the first place, out of the \$10,000 appropriation for Iwilei Road about \$420 has been drawn. This pays for the basalt blocks and some preliminary work which was done on the road. That the vouchers for this payment of \$420 were signed by the then Road Supervisor, C. B. Dwight.

Secondly, that Mr. Campbell admits of using the stone on Bishop street, and assumes the responsibility. And

## NO CABLE DAY OR FOURTH OF JULY CELEBRATION

### The Band Will Go to Hilo Today and Business Associations Will Simply Send Congratulatory Messages on Cable Day.

There will be no Cable Day celebration and no Fourth of July festivities in Honolulu this year. The joint committee from the Merchants' Exchange and the Chamber of Commerce came to this conclusion yesterday, and to cinch the matter the Territorial band leaves on the Kinau to remain over the Fourth.

There will be some observance of the landing of the last link of the cable, though not of a public nature. The Merchants' Association and Chamber of Commerce will send congratulatory cablegrams to the various interested parties which will be the extent of the celebration. As for the Fourth of July, Honolulu people can go to Hilo or Kahului or attend the boat races at Pearl Harbor. A member of the committee said yesterday that Fourth of July celebrations had not been included in the duties assigned to the joint committee, so nothing had been done in that respect. If Governor Dole wanted to take the matter in hand, the committee had no objection.

The government however will hardly take any steps at this late date, especially as permission was given yesterday to Captain Berger to take the band to Hilo. Before obtaining this permission Berger interviewed members of the Chamber of Commerce and Merchants' Association and found that no Fourth of July celebration was being contemplated. Gov. Dole then gave the desired permission for the visit, and the band boys will leave for Hilo today.

The joint committee from the Merchants' Association and the Chamber of Commerce is now preparing the cablegrams to be sent out on the day the cable is finally connected. These messages will take the form of memorials and while necessarily brief will explain the attitude of the local commercial organizations. The cables will be sent to President Roosevelt; to Governor Taft of the Philippines, the Governor of Guam, Governor Pardee of California, Clarence H. Mackay, President of the Commercial Cable Co. and to the Merchants' Association and Chamber of Commerce of San Francisco. Clarence H. Mackay has extended the free use of the cable to the two local organizations for the purpose of sending these messages. It is likely also that the same courtesy will be extended to Governor Dole, so that even though there is no general celebration of the event, Cable Day will be sufficiently remembered otherwise.

The members of the committee feel that Honolulu's real cable celebration was properly on January 1st, when the islands were first connected with the outside world. While the completion of the last link is an important event, it is not in their opinion of any more importance to Honolulu than to other cities of the United States.

Further states in the stenographic notes herewith attached, that the 6000 blocks were simply temporarily transferred for the use of Bishop street, and that there was an understanding between Mr. Cooper, Superintendent of Public Works and himself that these blocks should be returned to the Iwilei road by having new stones cut and replacing those used.

Your committee makes no recommendation in regard to this matter, leaving it to the good judgment of this Honorable Body that they will do what is right and proper in the matter, and from the report of the meeting held and the statements therein contained, that a decision will be reached satisfactory to all.

Attached to the report was a stenographic report of the meeting of the committee with Messrs. Cooper and Campbell.

#### HARRIS SAYS MISREPRESENTATION.

Vida moved to adopt the majority report and Harris moved that the House take up both reports. He said that the majority report contained a statement which was an injustice to both Mr. Campbell and Alexander Young. At no time did Mr. Campbell say that Bishop street was being put into shape for the opening of the Young Hotel. Vida declares that the statement was made but Harris read the stenographic testimony to show that Vida tried to put such statements into Campbell's mouth, but he stood simply upon the contract between the Superintendent of Public Works for the completion of the road.

Harris said that if there was to be a technical question of the diversion of public funds the only thing to be done was to go back to the source of the irregularity. Basalt blocks were not necessary in the macadamizing of Iwilei road and if there was any irregularity it must have been that of the Road Supervisor and the Superintendent of Public Works who authorized the expenditure for these blocks. He then produced the original warrants for the making of the blocks and showed that they were signed by C. B. Dwight, J. H. Boyd and H. E. Cooper. He declared that it was impossible to pick out one man and condemn him for saving government money by using blocks already on hand, and not go through the whole government. He showed from the testimony that Mr. Dwight and Mr. Cooper had decided to

pave Iwilei road with blocks, but had found that many of these were too large for paving, but could be used for gutters, and argued then that there was no diversion of public money in using those blocks but rather a careful watching of the public interest.

Harris repeated that the statement that Campbell had said the street was being paved for the opening of the Young Hotel, was untrue as shown by the stenographic notes. He asked every member to watch closely their action and not to approve a misstatement of the facts. He declared this was also an insinuation that Alexander Young had taken a course which was not honorable.

#### FROM DWIGHT AND BOYD.

Lewis got the floor to ask some questions. He wanted to know how many of the blocks were too big and if it was not the fact that the big ones were left and the small ones used. He was cited the testimony and after a few words said that he had received his information from C. B. Dwight, confirmed by J. H. Boyd. He said that the big stones were an experiment, and Harris declared that was a diversion of public funds.

#### VIDA AND BISHOP STREET.

Vida said that he wanted to deny the statement of Harris that Campbell did not admit he was paving Bishop street for the opening of the Young Hotel. He said this was admitted by Campbell to be the reason, and that much was said in the meeting that was not in the stenographic report. He said that Campbell still kept up the private stables ordered closed by the Legislature, and charged the expense to Electric Light funds at \$150 a month. He said the House should go on record as opposed to such practices. Kumalae spoke at length, during his remarks there arising the question of interpretation, as several members declared that he was saying things in Hawaiian not translated into English. He supported the resolution.

Chillingworth was on his feet to make a statement but Pail was permitted to move the previous question.

#### RUSH REPORT THROUGH.

Harris and Andrade made the point that the report was incorrect, contained a misstatement of fact and was therefore out of order, Harris urging that Alex. Young be not charged with using improper means for his own benefit.

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## MANCHURIA IS EXCITING THE JAPANESE

### Yamagata and Ito Reported to Advocate Taking of Resolute Measures.

(ASSOCIATED PRESS CABLEGRAMS.)

TOKIO, June 29.—Excitement over the Manchurian problem is increasing. The Marquis Ito and Field Marshal Yamagata are reported to advocate resolute measures.

## THE POPE IN A SERIOUS CONDITION

Rome, June 29.—The condition of the Pope, though serious, shows a slight improvement. The Government has troops in readiness for any emergency and will insure the liberty of the conclave when it meets to choose the Pope's successor.

## ANOTHER OVERLAND RAILROAD PROJECT

CARSON, Nev., June 29.—The Western Pacific railroad has been incorporated with a capital of \$50,000,000 to build a transcontinental line to San Francisco, via Beckwith pass. Surveys are being made.

## FIGHTING BOB EVANS WANTS MORE MARINES

WASHINGTON, June 29.—Admiral Evans recommends that the Navy Department increase the number of marines in the Orient to meet emergencies which may arise in China.

### Runaway Elevator Injures Many.

PITTSBURG, Penn., June 29.—An elevator fell today in one of the large buildings of the Heinz pickle works at a time when many of the employees were leaving the building. Twenty-three persons were injured and it is feared that some of these will die.

### W. A. Havermeyer Dead.

CHICAGO, Ill., June 29.—William A. Havermeyer, a brother of Henry Osborne Havermeyer, and interested in the American Sugar Refinery, died here today.

### Inundation Follows Drought.

NEW YORK, N. Y., June 29.—Terrific rains fell over the State today after a prolonged period of drought. In some localities five feet of water fell. One drowning resulted.

### United States Is Waiting.

WASHINGTON, June 29.—No action will be taken at present in the Manchurian affair. Russia is apparently conciliatory.

### Honors in Store for the Navy.

WASHINGTON, June 29.—Great Britain and Portugal are making great preparations to receive the American squadron.

KIEL, Germany, June 29.—The Italian Ambassador was entertained at luncheon by Emperor William today.

CANTON, China, June 29.—The Chinese authorities are pursuing a campaign of extermination against the rebel agents.

PEKING, China, June 29.—Paul Lessar has received a summons to attend the Manchurian conference held at Port Arthur.

WASHINGTON, D. C., June 29.—Additional indictments against former Superintendent Machen and the Goff Brothers were today returned by the Grand Jury investigating the Postal frauds.

LONDON, June 29.—Sir Marcus Samuel, Lord Mayor, has expressed the opinion that the present Jewish agitation is not due to Russian influences at all. He thinks however that the Czar should grant religious equality.